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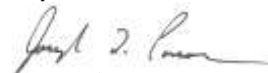
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.


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Director

Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.24 million cattle on feed on May 1, down 1 percent from last year. Placements of cattle into feedlots during April totaled 400,000 head, up 14 percent from 2009. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 435,000 head, up 10 percent from last year. These are the highest placements and marketings for the month of April since the data series began in 1994. Other disappearance during April totaled 15,000 head, compared to 5,000 head in 2009.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on May 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent above 2009. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent below 2009. Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during April, 29 percent above 2009.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2009-2010

State	May 1 Number on Feed ¹			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance ²		
	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> <u>2009</u>	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> <u>2009</u>	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> <u>2009</u>	2009	2010	<u>2010</u> <u>2009</u>
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	311	268	86	21	16	76	38	24	63	2	2	100
California	450	435	97	68	49	72	61	51	84	2	3	150
Colorado	1,010	940	93	150	170	113	165	145	88	15	15	100
Idaho	210	210	100	30	27	90	29	21	72	1	1	100
Iowa	540	600	111	79	76	96	68	72	106	1	4	400
Kansas	2,180	2,130	98	330	315	95	410	405	99	20	20	100
Nebraska	2,270	2,240	99	350	400	114	395	435	110	5	15	300
New Mexico	120	³	³	11	³	³	25	³	³	3	³	³
Oklahoma	315	325	103	52	57	110	66	70	106	1	2	200
So. Dakota	230	235	102	39	39	100	33	38	115	1	1	100
Texas	2,680	2,510	94	395	400	101	510	510	100	15	20	133
Washington	161	175	109	26	29	112	24	24	100	1	1	100
Other States ⁴	345	385	⁵	49	51	⁵	47	59	⁵	2	5	⁵
United States	10,822	10,453	97	1,600	1,629	102	1,871	1,854	99	69	89	129

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. ³Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ⁴Beginning in July 2009, New Mexico is included in Other State total. ⁵Comparison to 2009 is not applicable. Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 21, 2010

2010 Wheat Production Down 10 Percent from Last Year

Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2010 winter wheat crop is forecast at 69.0 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year's crop. Average yield is forecast at 46 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year's record high but 5 bushels above the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.50 million acres, down 100,000 acres or 6 percent from last year.

This would be 94 percent of the planted acres, the same harvest percentage as last year and the ten-year average. The May 2 wheat condition was rated 74 percent good to excellent, above both last year and average. As of May 2, subsoil moisture supplies were well above last year and the 5-year average.

May 1 Hay Stocks Up from Last Year

May 1 hay stocks of 1.0 million tons are up 7 percent from last year but 9 percent below the ten-year average.

Winter Wheat and Hay Stocks: Comparative Data, Nebraska and United States, 2008-2010

Classification		Nebraska			United States		
		2008	2009	2010 ¹	2008	2009	2010 ¹
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain ²	Percent	95.4	94.1	93.8	85.5	79.6	84.3
For harvest	1,000 Acres	1,670	1,600	1,500	39,608	34,485	31,786
Yield	Bushels	44.0	48.0	46.0	47.1	44.2	45.9
Production	1,000 Bushels	73,480	76,800	69,000	1,867,333	1,522,718	1,458,350
All Hay Farm Stocks	1,000 Tons	990	935	1,000	21,585	22,065	20,913

¹ Winter wheat forecasted May 1, 2010. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 11, 2010

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2009-2010

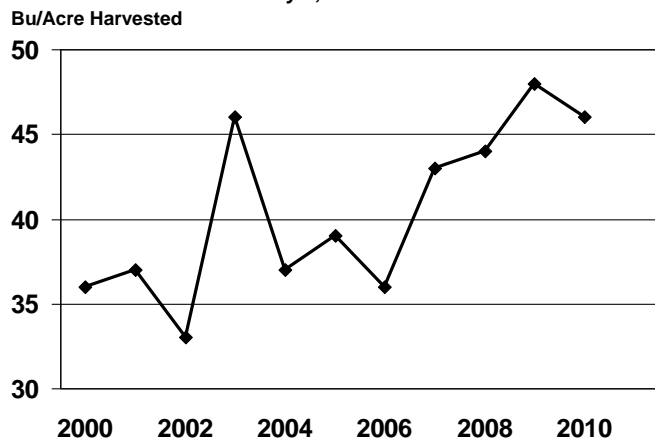
State	Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2009	2010 ¹	2009	2010 ¹	2009	2010 ¹
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Colorado	2,450	2,300	40.0	38.0	98,000	87,400
Kansas	8,800	8,200	42.0	42.0	369,600	344,400
Missouri	730	310	47.0	46.0	34,310	14,260
Montana	2,420	1,900	37.0	40.0	89,540	76,000
Nebraska	1,600	1,500	48.0	46.0	76,800	69,000
Oklahoma	3,500	3,900	22.0	33.0	77,000	128,700
South Dakota	1,530	1,180	42.0	49.0	64,260	57,820
Texas	2,450	3,500	25.0	35.0	61,250	122,500
Washington	1,640	1,710	59.0	61.0	96,760	104,310
United States	34,485	31,786	44.2	45.9	1,522,718	1,458,350

¹ Forecasted May 1, 2010.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 11, 2010

Nebraska Wheat Yield

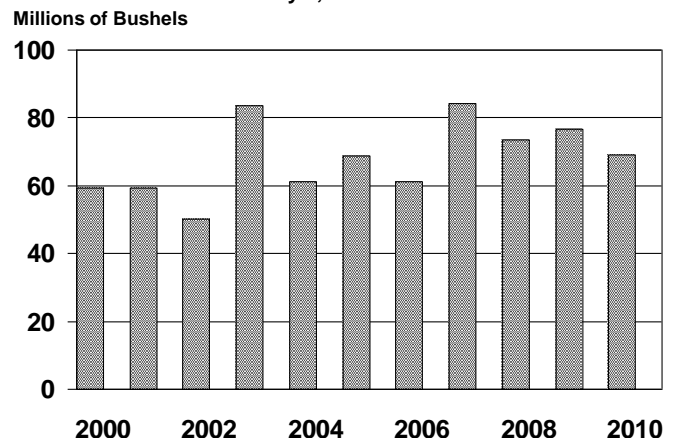
May 1, 2010 Forecast



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, May 11, 2010

Nebraska Wheat Production

May 1, 2010 Forecast



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office, May 11, 2010

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹					Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price	
	Begin- ning stocks	Pro- duction	Im- ports	Total	Domestic			Ex- ports	Total			
					Primary Use ²	Ethanol for Fuel	Other					
Million Bushels												\$/Bu.
Corn												
2008/09	1,624	12,092	14	13,729	5,205	3,677	1,316	1,858	12,056	1,673	4.06	
2009/10 ³	1,673	13,110	10	14,793	5,375	4,400	1,330	1,950	13,055	1,738	3.50-3.70	
2010/11 ⁴	1,738	13,370	10	15,118	5,350	4,600	1,350	2,000	13,300	1,818	3.20-3.80	
Soybeans												
2008/09	205	2,967	13	3,185	1,662		102	1,283	3,047	138	9.97	
2009/10 ³	138	3,359	15	3,512	1,735		133	1,455	3,323	190	9.50	
2010/11 ⁴	190	3,310	10	3,510	1,640		154	1,350	3,144	365	8.00-9.50	
Wheat												
2008/09	306	2,499	127	2,932	927		333	1,015	2,275	657	6.78	
2009/10 ³	657	2,216	115	2,988	920		253	865	2,038	950	4.90	
2010/11 ⁴	950	2,043	110	3,103	940		266	900	2,106	997	4.10-5.10	
Sorghum												
2008/09	53	472	0	525	232		95	143	471	55	3.20	
2009/10 ³	55	383	0	438	135		100	160	395	43	3.10-3.30	
2010/11 ⁴	43	355	0	398	115		100	140	355	43	2.90-3.50	

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Estimate. ⁴ Projection. Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, May 11, 2010

Fall Potatoes: 2009 Production and May 1, 2010 Stocks¹

State	Crop of 2009	
	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 2010 ²
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
California	4,158	600
Colorado	22,080	4,900
Idaho	131,000	36,500
Maine	15,263	3,900
Michigan	15,660	
Minnesota	20,700	4,900
Montana	3,347	600
Nebraska	8,756	1,100
New York	4,950	
North Dakota	19,125	2,800
Oregon	21,460	5,300
Washington	88,450	21,300
Wisconsin	28,980	4,900
Other States		230
Total 13 States	383,929	87,030

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crops. ² Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, May 14, 2010

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, April 2010 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		April 2009	March 2010
Total red meats	878,920	84	95
Beef	373,313	91	97
Pork	482,524	79	94
Poultry	1,049,873	85	105
Turkey	422,198	74	111

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, May 21, 2010

2010 Midyear Surveys

Interviewers will begin visiting and telephoning producers May 29. These midyear surveys are the basis for the official USDA statistics on planted area, grain and oilseeds stored, and hog inventories.

If contacted, please take a few minutes to respond by mail, internet or phone. Your response ensures accurate official USDA statistics. Individual information is kept strictly confidential, by law.

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USDA RELEASE DATES

Jun 25, 2:00 pm CDT Quarterly Hogs & Pigs
Jun 30, 7:30 am CDT Acreage
Jun 30, 7:30 am CDT Grain Stocks

Survey results will be available on the Internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov> within minutes after the release.

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2009-2010¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	Change from 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
January	8,506	8,315	1,752	1,784	14,902	14,831	-0.5
February	8,486	8,319	1,605	1,642	13,624	13,660	0.3
March	8,482	8,322	1,795	1,846	15,222	15,364	0.9
April	8,480	8,325	1,760	1,823	14,922	15,178	1.7
May	8,475		1,834		15,541		
June	8,434		1,749		14,754		
July	8,397		1,771		14,867		
August	8,372		1,745		14,606		
September	8,335		1,675		13,957		
October	8,316		1,720		14,306		
November	8,314		1,681		13,979		
December	8,311		1,761		14,632		
Annual	8,409		20,848		175,312		

¹ 2010 previous month revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, May 18, 2010

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